

Appl. No. 09/589,526
Amdt. dated June 22, 2004
Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 Expedited Procedure
Examining Group

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-11 and 24 are pending. Claims 11 and 24 have been amended. Claims 12-23 and 25-28 have been canceled. No new matter has been added.

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-10.

Claims 17 and 19-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kremer. Claims 11-16 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kremer in view of Bala et al. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claims 12-23 and 25-28 have been canceled. Claims 11 and 24 have been amended to clarify the claimed embodiments. Applicants believe these amendments do not raise a new issue.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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